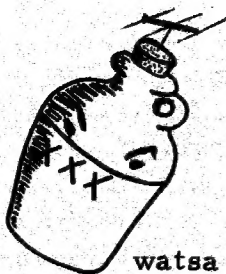


The Contest JUG



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PREVIEW OF COMING CONTESTIONS*

March 26-27 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
28 NCCC Club Meeting-Hayward
April 2-3 FRESNO
16-17 CD OPEN Party (cw)
23-24 CD OPEN Party (phone)
25 NCCC Club Meeting-Hayward

May 7-9 Georgia QSO Party
23 NCCC Club Meeting
June 11-12 VHF QSO Party
25-26 FIELD DAY
27 NCCC Club Meeting

40 Meg --- Pretty good show!

A PRESSAGE FROM THE MESIDENT

The '77 ARRL DX Marathon did seem much more enjoyable this year. We experienced better band conditions, good JA and EU activity and especially the gang - the spirit of those members active made the contest a treat that should not have been missed. Preliminary results show a score of about 40 million points, which is not too bad for a first serious club effort!! We still have much work remaining to gather all the scores in the NCDXCC.

My biggest kick in the affair was watching some of our younger operators learning the tricks of the trade at the PAA three-transmitter phone operation. Our front-line operators averaged 16 years of age (oh, to be 16 again!) and did a terrific job of running JA's and hunting down multipliers.

I hope most of you will make the Fresno scene on the first weekend in April. Lots of socializing, BS-ing with other testers from around the state and world will abound, plus you will have the opportunity to operate the KB station with big KLM antennas mounted atop the Hi'oon. It should all add up to a great time.

The Friday night before Fresno will host the traditional beer-blast (BYOB) at PAA's PAD. (The PAD is one of San Jose's highlights. It is the only licensed, multi-bedroom ham shack with

a building permit for the first weekend in April to erect a 160 meter beer-can vertical phased array.)

Our March 28 meeting features include the slides by WB6DSV of the 5W1 DX-pedition, FD preliminary planning and a wrap-up of the ARRL DX Contest. Due to the effort in obtaining scores for the JUG, you may not receive this until after the meeting, but be there anyway!! These topics will be washed down by the usual and familiar-tasting beer at the NCCC Pizza parlor. (Those of you who have not been at the pizza feed, the club members literally take over the local establishment and consume large quantities of breath-defying food and slosh down at least as large quantities of the familiar Colorado brew.)

At the April B.O.D. meeting, the board will formulate it's recommended slate of officers to be considered at the election meeting to be held -----APRIL 25, 1977-----. Anyone who would like to be considered for a club position or wants to recommend someone else, should contact any member of the board prior to the second week of April. Board members are found at the top of page one of every JUG (and most often at the pizza parlor, Ed.) This is your club and this is your chance to make your

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selections for next year's leadership team. Give it some thought. We know that the club has many new members and it is very tough to learn about these new faces. There are surely many of you who should voice your opinions and even ask for your name to be placed on the NCCC slate. Club growth is one of our prime directives and it will come from the entire club, not merely a few.

CU @ FRESNO,

PAA

Overheard in the now past ARRL Contest:
59 CAL; QSL; J; 59 20; W; CQ; QRZ; Call??

----- FLASH---FLASH -----

PG&E Reports Record Sales For The Months of
February and March

C³, or, THE CONTEST CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

(Reflecting the best in California Contest Capers)

Whew!!! Hey, gang, the ARRL DX Contest, otherwise known as the ear-buster special, is indeed finally over for 1977. As previously mentioned in the pressage from the mesident, there are numerous scores still not captured. Please SEND YOUR ARRL DX SCORE TO OUR CONTEST COORDINATOR*****VE3DXV/W6***** (Say, Adam, when are you going to get a W6 call and stay around??!!)

When you are "cleaning up" your logs and making them ready for transport to the ARRL, make an extra Xerox copy of your summary sheet (at the same time double check to be sure you have noted NCDXCC under affiliated club competition) and mail this copy to:

Adam Mentes (VE3DXV)
P.O. Box 951
Mountain View, CA 94042

The April CD Parties are coming up. Those of you who have never entered one of these here things have a real treat in store for you. The best operators in the country (and maybe even the entire world) are always found in the CD parties. The contest exchanges will be handled with alacrity and along with the usual short-type exchange, high rates will be the norm, not the

2 exception. It is probably the BEST time to become familiar with good, no, excellent, operating procedures. It is also a good time to get your call on the air and have the other guys begin to recognize it. CD Parties are another opportunity for you to try out those new, or even old, antennas and see just how well they perform. Make a few adjustments and try them again. The OPEN is open to all ARRL members as well as the usual CD appointees. (By the way, CD stands for Communications Department for those of you who didn't know!!) See you on the bands! It's great practice without a lot of pressure.

Be sure to make a good effort at attending Fresno. Many controversial topics will be discussed. The Contest Forum should be the best one yet. Good luck with the prizes, including the TS-820!!!

CU at the Pre-Fresno Blast,

DSV

The Following is taken from QST, March, 1977 page 66: (Minutes of the 1977 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, The American Radio Relay League, Inc. January 20-21, 1977)

" 49) On the motion of Mr. Gmelin (our Pacific Division Director and Member of the NCCC and resident of SCV, Ed.), seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that, in order that operating skills rather than caliber or quality of station equipment will determine the standing of amateurs entering operating contests, the Contest Advisory Committee recommend to the BOD ways of changing contest rules so that transmitter power, height and gain of antennas, and number of transmitters and receivers used, shall be a part of the factors determining final score. These recommendations shall be presented by the Liaison Director at the July, 1977 Board Meeting."

All of us in the NCCC and those of you who are not NCCC members, but who do read this newsletter and all of us who are interested in the well-being of amateur radio in general : in amateur radio contesting specifically, should re-read these words from the ARRL BOD meeting until we fully understand the immense

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in fact they can inflict upon amateur radio contesting and possibly any form of competition sponsored by the ARRL. This type of logic is contrary to even life in the real world. It seems to be an attempt to legislate mediocrity. Let us take just a quick glance into what this motion could lead to without being too ridiculous.

Most all of us who are actively involved in the field of amateur radio contesting are people who like to compete, right? Sure, then what we do is to strive to do our utmost to win, but if we cannot win, then we strive to do our best in the final standings. If we don't hit the mark one year, we know that there is always next year. So what do we do in the intervening year?? Of course - we improve everything we can to do better. This includes station improvements, antenna upgrading and a review of our particular operating skill and habits during the contest. Notice that there are more points worth improving and working at other than just operating skill. If we were all to run 100 watts to a 5 foot vertical over a sheet of metal measuring 3 feet by 3 feet and use one receiver, who would win?? Probably still the same fellows!!! What is definitely lacking in this proposal to legislate handicaps is that legislation of this type hinders and limits the level of competition - it does not increase it.

This kind of handicap was tried before with the low-power multiplier in SS being the last one relevant to our club's major efforts. It met with poor success, since low power is now a separate category. It should be evident that even a simple attempt at handicapping does not work. Just imagine for a moment all the possible variables that should be taken into account:

I. Transmitter

A. Quality

1. Filters
2. Broadband or manual tuning
3. Reliability - solid state or tubes

B. Power input and output

C. Amplifier

You know, it's not worth the trouble to continue. The greatest variable in the whole list would be LOCATION. How do you legislate that??

Let's face it. If the BOD would leave the CAC alone so that it could do what IT believes is best for contesting, then the BOD could go on and try to reduce our dues and provide useful services.

Ed.

The Following are RAW Scores from the past ARRL CW DX Contest:

CALL	QSO's	MULT	SCORE
K6ZM (mm)	2,631	258	2,036,394
WA6NGG (mm)	2,315	238	1,652,910
W6NLZ (mm)	2,085	200	1,251,000
W6YX (mm)	1,585	205	974,775
WA6DQM (ms)	1,877	232	1,306,392
W6OKK (ms)	1,660	244	1,115,520
K6DC (ms)	1,624	213	1,037,736
N6GG (ms)	1,600	200	960,000
W6RGG (ms)	1,592	197	940,872
W6BIP (ms)	1,360	188	767,040
WB6JIK (ms)	1,389	159	662,553
K6MA (ms)	1,060	150	477,000
WA6JUD (ms)	650	144	280,800
W6PAA (s)	2,533	290	2,203,710
K6RU (s)	1,571	158	744,654
WA6JVD (s)	1,036	166	515,928
K6HIH (s)	-----	---	464,000
W6YKM (s)	870	174	454,140
K6AO (s)	860	172	443,760
W6HOC (s)	-----	---	304,000
W6MUR (s)	600	90	162,000
K6YK (s)	503	92	138,828
W6EYY (s)	-----	---	76,000
WB6EXW (s)	-----	---	50,000
W6HJP (hb)	775	145	337,125
WA6HJV (hb)	177	37	19,647
WA6SFT (lb)	954	71	203,202
K6SMH (lb)	115	25	8,625
others-			
W6OUN (s)	2,665	284	2,270,580
W7RM (s)	2,700	254	2,057,400
K6AC (s)	2,256	262	1,773,216
W7TML (s)	2,044	185	1,134,420

Late Phone Score:

W6PXG	1,019	161	492,177
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NEW MEMBERS.....

Welcome to the NCCC, the #1 Contest Club in the US of A to:

Ronald L. Brown, WA6JFZ

1957 Arroyo Ave

San Carlos, CA 94070

H: 592-2879 B: 393-1700 (Xerox, SF)

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Welcome also to new member :

Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD
1658 W. Mesa Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711
H: 209-431-2038

FIELD DAY FIELD DAY FIELD DAY

Hey! What about Field Day??

You asked for it - you got it, Southern Cal. The NCCC has been challenged by SCCC to a Field Day competition this year. The tentative category we have chosen is 3-A and as of this date, several sites are being considered.

The 3-A category will require involvement by at least 7 or 8 people. Just to make things interesting this year, I propose that we have also an inter-club competition with several small groups going out into their relative geographic locations. We will then take the highest scoring group and put their score up against the selected SCCC entry.

Our choice of having several smaller groups this year is that everyone will be able to get into the action and that most people will NOT have to travel a great distance. It should also begin to get the members (and non-members) together and help promote a good deal of fellowship.

We'll talk about it at the next meetings.

What say, OM???

de WB6LPK, FD Chairman

Mitch. WA6GSN, wants a place to live in the EB, mid-Peninsula, or mid-SCV areas. Apt or rooming house from 4/1 to 9/1 886-3682

Rich. WA6MQS wants a T4XB 446-2140

4 Ralph James, WB6DYG wants an SB-200 or a good Home Brew linear H: 209-632-1728

LATE SCORE ARRIVALS, ARRL DX CW:

CALL	QSO's	MULT	SCORE
K6SG (s)	850	154	392,700
N6EE (W6PXG) (hb)	730	101	221,190

others:

N6KA (WB6PKA) (lb)	310	75	69,750
W1ZA	2,585	310	2,404,050
W3LPO	2,300	340	2,346,000
WA1STN	2,324	301	2,098,572
W1ZM	2,229	313	2,093,031
K6SE	2,223	242	1,613,898

REMEMBER PAA PRE FRESNO PARTY

The Fresno Hilton has been filled, yup filled.

ADDRESS AND CALL CHANGES:

W6PXG is now N6EE K6BCE is now N6DX
WB6PKA is now N6KA WA6KZI is N6MM
WB6ZVC is now N6TR W6RGG is N6KB
W6MAR is now K6NA K1ZND is K1ZZ
W7SFA is now W7FU W7EXM is K7RA
W6DGH is now N6AA K2SIL is now K1GQ
((This list is going to get longer in a month))

K6ZX now resides at 995 Lundy Lane

H: 948-6262 Los Altos, CA 94022

Coupla Band Breakdowns:

	160	80	40	20	15	10
K6ZM (mm)						
Q	8	160	873	1036	506	48
M	5	25	55	87	57	27
W6OKK (ms)						
Q	3	113	614	469	421	40
M	3	20	49	72	56	24

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